Airports operational in HP

1493. SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of airports in the State of Himachal Pradesh which are operational;

(b) whether Indian operates flights to all these airports;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Airports at Kullu, Kangra and Shimla are operational in Himachal Pradesh.

(b) to (d) Air Deccan operates daily scheduled air services on Delhi-Kullu-Delhi sectors. M/s. Jagson Airlines also operates scheduled services on Deihi-Kullu-Delhi sector besides Delhi-Shimla-Delhi and Delhi-Kangra (Gaggal)-Delhi sectors.

Fate of HAL Airport

1494. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what the fate of the HAL airport will be once the international airport at Bangalore becomes operational from 2008;

(b) whether the HAL airport will be used commercially or returned to HAL; and

(c) by when Government propose to take a decision on this as lack of decision gives rise to wild rumours which affect the real estate market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) HAL airport at Bangalore belongs to Ministry of Defence where Airports Authority of India (AAI) maintains a